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Andrade Speaks At Democratic Meet; Jobs Open

Wage and price freeze problems were discussed by Peter A. Andrade, secretary of General Teamsters Union 890, at the meeting of the Monterey County Democratic Central Committee last week, it was announced.

Andrade told of meetings called by the Teamsters Union at Seattle and Los Angeles to discuss the union's position in event expected freeze on wages developed. His talk was well received by the committeemen.

Three postmaster positions were announced as open and prospective candidates were asked to contact Chairman Fred S. Farr, of Seaside. Candidates for the postmasterships, located in Robels Del Rio, San Lucas and Moss Landing, will be interviewed by the Democratic Committee which will make recommendations to the postmaster general for filling the posts.

Positions with the federal government, on boards and in offices, as result of the wage and price freeze and other emergency regulations of the government, are to be filled at once from lists of available people recommended by the Democratic Committee, it was announced.

Persons who are qualified and want work in such government agencies should contact Farr or Secretary Grace Barnett of Salinas. Those recommended will be persons who have been interested in Democratic party activities. Jobs are under temporary civil service status.

Nominations Due For Secretary Of Local 483

Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey will have nominations for the key post of secretary-treasurer at two meetings in February and the election of a successor to George L. Rice, who has resigned, effective March 1, will be on February 26.

Nominations will be accepted for the secretary-treasurer position and also for recording secretary and a trustee, to fill vacancies, at union meetings February 7 and February 21, Rice said.

Rice resigned last November to follow through with personal plans of long-standing. He agreed to stay on until March 1 in order to continue the union's organizational program, still underway. Local 483 has added a business agent in recent weeks, Royal Hallmark, who is expected to be a candidate for the key secretary post.

MONTEREY PAINTERS REJECT AGREEMENT

Proposed state-wide agreement for painters was rejected by a substantial vote at last week's meeting of Painters Union 272 of Monterey, according to Business Agent James L. Bolin.

The agreement, which has been opposed by unions and contractors alike in most of the state, would have set up a uniform wage scale but would have lowered conditions in some areas, he explained.

Bolin said all members of Local 272 have been placed on jobs as result of last week's good weather but added that no more men are needed in the Monterey area.



NEW ECONOMIC STABILIZER — Eric Johnstone (right), once president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and later movie industry czar, shown with mobilization boss Charles E. Wilson, as he took over the job of Economic Stabilizer. Johnstone replaced Alan Valentine, fired for feuding with other government officials on the timing of wage and price controls. Johnstone told the Senate Banking Committee that inflation is just as great a threat to us as Russia. (LPA)

SALES TAX AVOIDS PRICE-PROFIT EVIL

New York.—AFL Vice President George M. Harrison told the Economic Club of New York that the AFL is "opposed to a national sales tax because it does not attack inflation at its source—the price and profit level."

The president of the AFL Railway and Steamship Clerks told the Big Business executives in a blunt, no-punches-pulled, speech that "the seller and speculator fix prices, and

if they won't stop raising prices they must be controlled."

"If prices are controlled, then we agree that wages should be stabilized in parity with prices," Mr. Harrison said.

Secretary of Treasury John W. Snyder and reactionary Democratic and Republican members of Congress are playing along with Big Business in an effort to levy a federal sales tax on the excuse it is needed to finance President Truman's defense emergency budget.

"Taxes must be raised to get the revenues to pay for our rearmament," Mr. Harrison said. "They should come from corporation and excess profits and individual incomes."

He said labor is aware of "the harvest that has been garnered by American business in the last year of rapid price increases" and the "rich gains" resulting from rapid amortization of war plants.

"We believe we have a right to expect forbearance, common sense and national cooperation from those who own our industries," he said.

Besides its greedy profiteering, Mr. Harrison criticized business for its efforts to take away the fundamental right to strike, its willingness to accept federal land grants, subsidies, loans and liberal contracts but to brand any government help for all the people as socialistic or un-American, and its unreasoning opposition to labor demands for wage increases to offset the burden of rising living costs.

"American wage-earners face the future and its responsibilities seriously, but with confidence," Mr. Harrison said. "But if we are compelled by circumstances beyond our control to wage another war, we are determined to let nothing stand in the way of victory—victory that will mean not only a better America, but a better and more peaceful world in our time."

Carmel Valley Road Job Starts

Reconstruction of seven miles of highway in the Carmel Valley was started last week by the Nevada Construction Co., of Las Vegas, according to Business Agent S. M. Thomas of Monterey Laborers Union 690.

Thomas reported that preliminary work called for two laborers and one engineer to operate a heavy clearing machine. More men will be called later, he added.

Unjust Freeze Draws Strong Labor Protest

Producers given many weeks of warning in time to boost their prices to highest levels the traffic would bear, and wages held back by cumbersome negotiations and stalling employers—in this stage of consumer robbery was the great freeze of '51 announced on Friday, Jan. 26.

So great is the protest from labor and consumers that this price-wage freeze made to order for big business profiteering will have to be modified to prevent outright de-

fiance of government during these critical times, and early this week it appeared that modifications are readily forthcoming.

Anti-capitalist nations chuckled with glee as the American consumer took this latest beating at the hands of a Democratic administration almost completely controlled by monopoly business interests.

"The freeze is unjust and unfair unless labor is given a chance to overcome obvious inequities," said Wm. Green, AFL president, and his sentiments were echoed across the land a thousand times by key union leaders.

The wires to Washington from the west coast were hot in protest, and the newly-born bureaucracy was busier with making changes and modifications than with putting the plan into effect. Big business whispered protests but in private applauded the bonanza of a high-price, low-wage freeze.

Dimes March Wins Backing Of Sal. CLC

Acting at request of John Mattos, labor chairman of the March of Dimes campaign in Salinas, the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas last week voted full cooperation to the fund drive against infantile paralysis, named a special committee to assist Mattos in soliciting unions, and authorized the committee to appear at local union meetings in behalf of the campaign.

Council Sec. Alfred J. Clark said the committee includes Mattos, Randolph Fenchel, Karl Ozols, Carl Sauer, Lillian Johnson and himself. Mattos reported that the March of Dimes scrolls, which list donors of \$1 or more, are being sent to various organizations in an effort to gain funds in this important drive.

The council also took action to protest further immigration of Mexican nationals for farm labor, acting on a report from National Farm Labor Union 296. It was reported to the council that 85,000 Mexicans illegally in the country. Mexican nationals compete with union farm workers.

Other council actions included: Donation of \$20 to the Red Cross, which has named Sec. Clark to its Board of Directors.

Acceptance of new delegates, including new Sec.-Bus. Agt. Ed Kidder of Roofers Union 50, and Angel Calderon of Farm Labor Union 296.

Report by Kidder that all union roofers are employed, work prospects are good and more experienced roofers could be put to work.

Report on installation of officers by Barbers Union 827, which has a new president, Homer Coley, and a new secretary, Jimmie Butler.

"THE LABOR PRESS has made many notable contributions to the cause of American wage-earners over a long period of years. It has been a valiant champion of the rights of workers and a leader in their efforts to improve their living standards."

—HARRY S. TRUMAN

Teamsters Plan Dinner to Fete Blood Donors

Plans for a fine dinner for all blood donors of General Teamsters Union 890 who have given blood for the Blood Bank since its start are being laid, according to Union Sec. Peter A. Andrade.

The mobile unit of the Red Cross Blood Bank will be in Salinas on Monday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to accept blood donations. Blood not used locally is sent to the Korean war front for immediate use in care of wounded servicemen.

Andrade asked all Teamsters willing to give blood next Monday to contact the union office so that a card may be made out for the member and arrangements made with the Blood Bank for the donation.

Local 890 has compiled an "honor roll" of blood donors, which includes the following:

Four-time donor: George Thompson. Three-time donors: Peter A. Andrade, William G. Kenyon and Edward Moe. Two-time donors: Earl Richey, Pierre Richlin, Roy Wilson, Bernice Redlin, Mildred Atnip and R. W. Barton.

One-time donors: Blanche Lawrence, Mulford Knight, Alfred Jones, T. R. Harvel, Bennie Hicks, Don Wynne, Alma Burton, Vernon Shackelford, Charles Steif, Martin Hosford, Thad Lovely, Billy Yates, Lola Reid, Robert Young, Ernie Lista, Frederick Spence, Dean Diaz, Paul Eslinger, Tom Rubio, Jesse Ming, Mary Collier, Earl Randolph, Charles Craig, Ray Shalhoob, Apalano Garcia, Ollie Woolridge.

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Union Pipemen On Greenfield Water Main Job

Monterey Plumbers and Steamfitters Union 62 has placed union pipe fitters on the Greenfield water system project, which the Associated Engineering Co. of Palo Alto is installing, Business Agent William Zimmerman reports.

The \$20,000 project calls for water mains for the entire town plus fire hydrant installations.

Zimmerman said that Local 62 had plenty of local men for the project and warned plumbers or pipefitters who may be seeking work that there are no jobs open in the Monterey area just now.

NON-UNION RATS

In New Orleans, 26 union ship-riggers demanded a new clause in their contract after being chased up masts by hordes of hungry rats on two non-union fishing boats. The riggers insisted that in the future when working on non-union boats they must be protected by men with shot guns.

FARMER POSITION IN CRISIS TOLD TO RESEARCH COMMITTEE

(Editor's Note: Following are excerpts from a report entitled "Our Place in a Troubled World" as given by Mrs. Grace McDonald, executive secretary of the California Farm Research & Legislative Committee, at a recent session of the group. We regret that length of the report prevents publishing it in full.)

By GRACE McDONALD

The other day I was talking to a labor leader about general economic conditions and the beating thousands of California farm families have to take. He laughed:

"You can't tell me that story any more! Not when I figure out what I have to pay for meat and groceries every month! You farmers must be getting plenty of my dough. Your organization's been crying: 'wolf-wolf' for 10 years. Somehow you always manage to save your skins!"

"Not the farmers we represent," I said for the fifth time in the argument. He is still unconvinced.

Looking back over those 10 years our committee has been on the firing line, I decided he was both right and wrong. Each year, or each few years there is a shift in California farm problems. Ten years ago it was the prune growers who were taking red ink. That was the year we held meetings along with the State and County Farm Debt Adjustment Committees in county court houses: Santa Clara, Sonoma, Los Angeles, to see which farmers could still be bailed out under Frazier-Lemke and which we had to let drop by the wayside. Plenty of them dropped. The casualties in '41 and '42 were terrific.

Those farmers have long been out of the picture. During World War II new farmers came in, lots of them from other states—a good percentage were poultrymen. They invested at high prices. Now they are in trouble, not only in California but all over the country. If they weren't in trouble, we wouldn't have been able to stimulate organization of rank and file poultrymen's associations and there wouldn't be a national poultrymen's association with a dozen states already affiliated. * * *

That brings me into politics. The position of our committee has always been non-partisan on candidates, partisan on issues. The composition of the 82nd Congress is not favorable to adoption of measures to strengthen the economic security of the man who owns and operates and lives on his farm. The Brannan Plan will have really rough sledding with only two votes margin on the Democratic side of the United States Senate, too many of those votes frankly hostile to what happens to you and me. * * *

The California Farm Research & Legislative Committee has never wavered in its convictions or its public espousal of the causes its members have written into its policies and principles.

In spite of my doubting friend from the labor movement, I find California farmers troubled and on the move. They are writing more often to the Reporter. They are

seeking advice from our committee. They are telling us that our policies, program and performances are sound and they are standing foursquare behind us.

True, we represent numerically only a very small percentage of the tens of thousands of farm families who produce California's agricultural wealth. Ideologically, we represent the majority. We are a minority with a purpose. We understand the score. Therefore we are in a position to give leadership. * * *

Two years ago we pioneered at the Hope congressional hearings at Fresno with a "long range program for California farmers." Ten years ago we called on Congress to protect California specialty crop growers with full parity status. From the beginning, we have fought the monopolies wherever they stood in the way of the interests of the family owned and operated farm.

We recognize that these are the forces who profit from war and hysteria; that the fight against monopoly here in California and in the Congress is our immediate fight. The purpose and function of our committee is to be ready when we are called on.

Last August we were asked to prepare a farm program to be presented the following week to the Democratic, Republican and Progressive parties in Sacramento. The plans were quickly developed out of policy and program already adopted by our committee. The arguments lay ready in our files.

E. K. Finney, Modesto dairyman, took the documents to Sacramento and argued them before the respective party platform committees:

1. Conservation and Public Benefits from Water and Power Resources.
2. Protect the Equity of Family-Operated Commercial Farms.
3. Outlaw Open Contracts.
4. Open a Statewide System of Wholesale Markets to prevent the present needless spoilage and waste of farm produce.
5. Back Direct Farmer to Consumer Markets all over California.
6. Expand the School Lunch Program.
7. Re-establish State and County Farm Debt Adjustment Commissions.
8. Provide Centrally-Located State and Federally Operated Farm Labor Housing.
9. Enact a State Law to Wipe Out Grade Crossing Death Traps where railroads and roads intersect.

THIS PROGRAM IS YET TO BE WON IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE.

Scotch Import Scotch

In Edinburgh, Scotland, New Year's Eve was a dour one for workers who produce Scotch whisky. Because practically all Scotch whisky is now exported to Canada and the U. S., the Edinburgh unionists welcomed 1951 with a "Scotch" imported from Denmark at \$5.25 a bottle.

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BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., Homer Coley, 1393 E. Market St., phone 2-1668; Rec. Sec., D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec., Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

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GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 1st Thursday, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray Burditt, Sec., Peter A. Andrade; Bus. Agt., Wm. G. Kenyon, Office, 274 E Alisal St., Salinas, phone 5743.

Denies British Anti-American

Miami.—All the newspaper guff about the British people being anti-American is just "plain nonsense,"

Sir Vincent Tewson, general secretary British Trades Union Congress, told the AFL executive council that the British people feel the closest friendship for the United States.

The British people see eye-to-eye with the Americans and will go down the line with the United States in its stand against communist imperialist aggression, Sir Vincent said.

AFL President William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany told the British visitor at a dinner given by the executive council during its midwinter meeting that the survival of the free world depends upon the close cooperation of the English-speaking peoples.

Sir Vincent, a member of the executive board of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, paid a visit to the council en route back from the Mexico City meeting of the ICFTU to London.

MONTEREY SEWAGE PLANT START DUE

Contract for the new sewage disposal plant for Monterey has been awarded to Barrett & Hilp, prominent San Francisco contracting firm and work on the project is expected to start very soon, union officials report. Cost of the project is about \$820,000. Next low in bidding was Stolte Construction Co., Inc.

New Coal Pact

Washington.—The United Mine Workers and the soft coal industry signed a new wage contract amendment calling for 20c an hour increase effective Feb. 1.

The \$1.50 per day raise will boost the miner's average daily earnings from \$14.75 to \$16.35.

Producers said the price of coal would be raised an average of 6 per cent.

It's Meat Packer, Not Farmer, Who Takes Your Money

You should keep these facts in mind the next time you go into a supermarket and pay around a dollar a pound for a beef roast:

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While Armour's profits jumped \$18.5 million in a year, its total sales were about the same in 1950 as in 1949—around \$1.8 billion. That means Armour made a lot more money on every pound of meat it sold in 1950 than it did in 1949.

All this information is from Armour's annual report, made public January 7.

These figures show that the big meat packer—not the farmer—is the guy who is cleaning up on high pork and beef prices.—(LLPE)

Executive Council Studies Economic, Legislative Issues

Miami, Fla.—Failure of the government's stabilization program to halt the rising costs of living and the legislative issues before Congress headed the busy agenda of the mid-winter meeting of the executive council of American Federation of Labor.

The meeting here was scheduled to start Jan. 22 and run for 10 days to two weeks.

Heads of departments were summoned for the important conferences and preparation of statements on the top issues placed before Congress by President Truman in his series of messages on the state of the union, economic report and budget.

AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, who headed the U. S. delegation to the Mexico City meeting of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, was expected to make a report on that parley.

Among other top issues are the failure of the government to place labor officials in policy-making positions of the national defense effort; administration tax policies; foreign policy; political activities.

A Bit Chilly

In Provo, Utah, union officials found themselves sorely frustrated in their plans for New Year's Eve dancing parties. After figuring out almost every detail of the celebration, union attorneys advised them that there was a 1913 city ordinance still on the books which requires that men and women, while dancing, must keep at least two feet apart.

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EDITORIALS

WAGE AND PRICE FREEZE

Finally, after prices have been soaring unrestrained for seven months, since the outbreak in Korea, our government finally has announced, not only a price freeze, but also a wage freeze. In view of the indisputable fact that only a negligible number of workers have received any wage raises since last June 25th the injustice of this latest order becomes vividly apparent.

There has been much talk of the fairness of allowing some increase in wages but only a very small per cent of those who earn their living by working for wages have received any increases. The small percentage of wage earners who have received such increases do not get much; only an average of ten per cent, while living costs have increased far more than this, until today, when price levels stand at an all-time high.

So glaringly unjust is this latest freeze of both wages and prices that condemnation is pouring in from everywhere. So loud and disturbing is the roar of disapproval that the authorities responsible for this action are squirming uncomfortably in their seats of power and authority. Just as we heard much about the roll back of prices that would be invoked whenever price controls would be instituted, so we are now hearing much about lowering present-day prices to ease the squeeze of wage freeze now instituted. How can people help but wonder if this price lowering will fail to materialize just as nothing ever came of the roll back in prices?

AMERICAN PEOPLE JIPPED

Outbursts of indignation and disappointment have been heard from labor centers all over the land, since a general wage freeze was slapped on at the same time that the price freeze, which was fully seven months past due, was finally invoked during the last days of January.

This storm of protest and disapproval is not confined to workers by any means. Every housewife, whose livelihood is dependent on a fixed income, no matter what the source may be, has felt the effects of the seven-month orgy of price increases, which is now supposed to stop at the present highest level ever attained in our entire history. Reduced to simpler language it is now a case of a dollar today not buying more and in many cases not as much as fifty cents bought in 1939. Since last June 25th price increases have had a wild inning during which living costs have soared with startling regularity while our authorities sat and looked on and talked about what would be done, "if it became necessary."

Instead of instituting the promised roll back in prices those intrusted with this job have pegged all prices at their present abnormally high levels. This simply means that the overwhelming majority of the American people, who have waited so patiently the past seven months for relief, are now being informed that present-day abnormally high prices, are to be approved at those high levels, with no relief in sight.

WAR PROSPERITY UNSOUND

It is beginning to dawn on a lot of people who have been stung badly by so-called war prosperity, that there is nothing genuine nor permanent about it. To the wage earner, who gets wage increases, but who more than loses all gains by having living costs increased more than the wage increases amount to such wage boosts fail to improve their standard of living. Then on top of this to be heavily taxed to finance war and preparation for war by larger and ever larger withholding taxes deducted from each week's pay check makes another considerable hole in the wages of every worker before he ever gets his pay check.

There are some war profiteers, who get rich from various war activities, but the great mass of our people end up on the losing end. Always there is a terrific toll of promising young men being killed and maimed at the front. The terrific cost of war has to be paid by somebody and in the long run the main part of this burden is piled on the backs of the people of rather modest means. Nor do those burdens end when war ends but continue in the form of staggering public debts on which both present and future generations continue indefinitely to pay interest.

Conditions in today's world are such that all nations who wage war invariably lose. The winners of a modern world war lose as much and sometimes more than those who give up first and are dubbed the losers. It is bad enough to be forced into a war when we are attacked by unfriendly powers, but for us to step out and start wars of our own, when we don't need to do it, is not so smart as some people seem to think it is.

Seeking Security—



JOKES, Etc.

A girl from the city took a position with a retail food store in a rural community. She was warned that farmers were great joshers, so she made her mind up not to be taken in by them. The first morning a farmers came in and asked for some shorts (ground corn) for his pigs, and the girl replied: "I'm sorry, but we are out of pig shorts. How about some nice brassiers for your cows?"

Thought for today! We don't understand how people have trouble meeting expenses. Most of us seem to meet them everywhere we turn now days.

A farmer in a mid-west state, attending a legislative session during a drouth period, commented: "The governor made a right good speech in favor of us farmers, didn't he?"

"Yep," replied the farmer next to him, "I guess he did. But an hour's rain would have done us a heap more good."

"Are you the barber who cut my hair the last time?"

"I don't think so. I've only been here six months."

"I don't understand how you came to marry her," a man remarked to a friend whose marriage had failed. "You admit that you didn't particularly care for her—then how did she get you?"

"Well," came the dry rejoinder, "it's not something you can explain very easily, but I suppose it must have been because she wanted me worse than I didn't want her."

Doctor: "How's the boy who



WOULD-BE PEACEMAKER—

Nicole Drouin, Miss France of 1951, displays her musical talents. In an attempt to avert another world war, Nicole recently invited President Truman and Premier Stalin to come to Paris and drink the wine of peace at Montmartre. The American ambassador answered on behalf of Truman, but Uncle Joe made no reply at all. (LPA)

swallowed the half dollar?" Nurse: "No change."

"Darling," said the girl to her boy friend, "if I marry you I'll lose my job."

"But, we can't keep the marriage a secret?" said the boy friend.

"Suppose we have a baby?" replied the girl.

"Oh," said the boy friend, "We'll tell the baby, of course."

Speaking of getting lost reminds up of the story about the Indian who was wandering aimlessly along a road. A tourist stopped and asked him: "Are you lost, chief?" "Me here," replied the Indian, with dignity, hitting his chest with his fist. "Wigwam lost."

Li'l Gee-Gee, the office vamp, comments: If you pull yourself together at the waist it's bound to go somewhere else.

"Doctor," said Mrs. Whoozit, "I wish you'd see my husband; he blows smoke rings through his nose and I'm terribly worried."

"That's a bit unusual that he blows them through his nose," said the psychiatrist, "but nothing to be alarmed about; many smokers blow smoke rings by the hour."

"Yes, I know doctor," said Mrs. Whoobit, "but my husband doesn't smoke!"

The life of the French fried potato is interesting: In the grease 15 minutes, in the mouth 30 seconds, in the stomach two hours and on the hips forever.

"Have you been to any other doctor before you came to me?" asked the grouchy doctor.

"No, sir," replied the meek patient. "I went to a druggist."

"You went to a druggist?" exclaimed the doctor. "That shows how much sense some people have! You went to a druggist. And what idiotic advice did the druggist give you?"

"He told me to come to see you," replied the patient.

In Georgia a man stopped at a small town garage and told the mechanic, "When ever I hit 70, there's a knocking in the engine."

The mechanic gave the vehicle a lengthy examination, and after much testing, wiped the grease from his hands and drawled, "I don't see nothing wrong, mister. It must be the good Lord a-warnin' you."

"Why are you wearing your glasse to bed?" asked the wife.

"I wanna get a better look at that girl I dreamed about last night," replied the husband.

Here's the good old whiskey So colorful yet clear.

'Tis not so sweet as a lady's lips But a darn sight more sincere.

FARM WORKERS GOING TO WAR PLANTS—Thousands of migratory workers, such as the family shown above, are once again leaving the fields in search of better paying jobs in aircraft and other production plants. The government has announced it may open the door to 400,000 agricultural workers to supply needed farm manpower. The unions point out such a move would not be necessary if decent pay and working conditions were established for farm workers. National Farm Labor Union-AFL has warned that Communist spies are entering this country disguised as farm workers. (LPA-photo copyright 1950 by the St. Louis Star-Times).

Food Prices Hit All-Time Peak

Washington, D. C.—Retail food prices rose 1.2 per cent to a record high level between Dec. 15 and Jan. 2.

The Labor Department estimated prices reached 218.9 per cent of the 1935-39 level, 1 per cent above the previous record high established July 15, 1948. Since the Korean outbreak, prices have risen 6.9 per cent.

The biggest increase was 4.7 per cent for fats and oils. Next greatest increase was for dairy products, up 3.5 per cent. Prices of meats, poultry and fish rose 1.7 per cent.

Morgan Hill and San Martin are joining in a survey of nurses' aides and nurses for instructors in first aid classes.

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For Safety—Read and Heed

Watch Your Step, Job Accidents Up

Washington.—Work-injury rates in manufacturing showed a constant upward trend during the first three quarters of 1950.

The U. S. Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the average injury-frequency rate for manufacturing industries was two per cent higher in the first quarter of 1950 than in the fourth quarter of 1949. The rate for the second quarter of 1950 was four per cent above that for the first, and that for the third quarter was 11 per cent above the second.

This upward movement of injury rates during the first nine months of 1950 represents a complete reversal of the downward trend which prevailed during the previous three years.

Although the rate for the first quarter of 1950 was 11 per cent below that for the corresponding period in 1949, the rate for the third quarter was five per cent above that for the same period in the preceding year.

This increase in injury rates appears to reflect the rising employment, lengthened workweek, and intensified industrial operations which were associated with the increased civilian production during the first half of the year and defense preparation during the third quarter.

Over 100,000 workers in manufacturing establishments were disabled for one or more days because of work injuries experienced during the third quarter of 1950. This was an increase of 15 per cent over the estimate for the second quarter, and 18 per cent over that for the third quarter of 1949. Of the total number disabled, over 400 died as a result of their injuries and 5,400 others are known to have suffered some permanent body impairment.

Approximately two million man-days were lost during the quarter as a result of these injuries. The value of wage losses alone amounted to approximately \$20 million. This estimate, however, makes no allowance for the continuing economic losses arising out of the many deaths and permanent impairments, or for hospital, medical and other costs incidental to the treatment of these injuries.

59 Die in Job Accidents in Oct.

Fifty-nine workers died in California work accidents reported in October, 1950. This compares with 53 in September and 66 in October, last year. The contract construction industry had 14 deaths, manufacturing 11, and agriculture 10. These three industry groups account for about 60 per cent of all deaths in October.

Below are summarized a few of the fatal accidents reported:

A derrickman passed under a load being carried by a crane. At that moment the load came down upon him, killing him instantly.

The driver of a bus transporting workers to a job site was blinded by the sun. The bus went off the road and down a ravine, killing four men and injuring two.

An employee was in a seven foot trench engaged in placing shoring and bracing. A portion of the bank caved in and a hard piece of ground struck him on the head. The severe skull injuries sustained resulted in death.

A farm laborer was picking up loose potatoes along a conveyor in a grading house. He apparently reached down under the right rear wheel of a truck to pick up a potato just as the truck backed up. He was crushed to death.

One hundred Los Gatos women have organized to operate kitchens in schools and churches to prepare food for evacuees if atomic war comes to the bay area.

OWL SAY!



Mild Bravado Is Accident Cause

Most of us vaguely know, whether we work around the shop or at home, that accidents don't just "happen"; they are "caused". But in our reasoning about the cause of accidents we never go much farther than that.

We are indebted to the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, which are vitally concerned with accidents and the means of preventing them, for coming up with what they think may be the answer.

The primary cause of accidents, the companies say, is a state of mind, of bravado, that leads to carelessness.

Elaborating on this, they say the man or woman who decides to "take a chance just this once," who adopts the view "it can't happen to me," is pretty much the cause of all accidents.

Remember this the next time you catch yourself or someone else getting a little lax. There would be a lot less accidents, and less hardship all around, in the shop and at home if we would all do our part to keep a tight check rein on this type of carelessness.

The fact is that most accidents don't just "happen". They can be avoided.

Red Hot Dope On Safety

"You hammer nails like lightning."

"You mean I'm fast, huh?"

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No matter how low in value the dollar may fall, it will never fall as low as some people will stoop to get it.

Doctor: "He must have absolute quiet and mental rest. Don't let him worry about a thing except my bill."

In the long run, safety rules in your mind mean money in your pocket.

Be careful. The life you save may be your own.

Some people believe that success depends entirely on luck and pluck—luck in finding somebody to pluck.

Half way measures aren't so hot... Give safety everything you've got!

"Has your baby learned to talk yet?"

"Oh, sure. Now we're trying to teach him to shut up."

Think safety, act safety. On the job, off the job. Spread the word.

A stiffer excess profits tax is needed—now.

FORM NEW U. S. SAFETY COUNCIL

Washington, D. C.—President Truman, by executive order of December 20, has set up in the U. S. Labor Department a Federal Safety Council to serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of Labor in matters relating to the safety of civilian employees of the Federal Government.

The Council, which supersedes the Federal Interdepartmental Safety Council set up in 1939, will be composed of a representative of each of the executive departments and agencies and of the Government of the District of Columbia. These representatives will be designated by the heads of the various departments and will serve without additional compensation.

According to Truman's order, "The Council shall advise the Secretary of Labor with respect to the development and maintenance of adequate and effective safety organizations and programs in the Federal departments and agencies with respect to criteria, standards, and procedures designed to eliminate work hazards and health risks and to prevent injuries and accidents in Federal employment."

The Secretary of Labor has been given authority to prescribe regulations governing the Council's activities and to designate the Council's chairman.

Job Injuries Are On the Upswing

Washington (LPA)—In a reversal of the trend for the past few years, work-injury rates in manufacturing have shown a constant upward trend during the first three quarters of 1950.

Preliminary reports received by the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that job injuries during the summer months were 11 per cent above the injury rate at the end of 1949.

Over 100,000 workers in plants were disabled for one or more days during July, August and September; and approximately 2 million man-days were lost as a result.

Blame for the increasing number of accidents was laid by the Bureau to rising employment, longer workweek, and intensified production under the defense program.

My Aching Tooth

Middlessex, England.—The British Labor government promptly slapped down a dentist here, functioning under the national health insurance plan, when he refused to pull the aching tooth of a worker who happened not to be wearing a tie.

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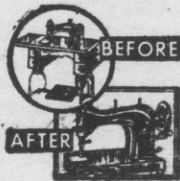
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AFL Fighting Big Biz Sales Tax Try

Washington.—The AFL opposes a federal sales tax and is marshalling all its forces to prevent enactment of such a revenue measure.

W. C. Hushing, national legislative chairman, alerted the National Legislative Council at its first meeting to the attempt by the National Association of Manufacturers and other big business interests to put across a sales tax to raise the \$16 billion new revenue needed to balance President Truman's budget.

Simultaneously AFL Vice President Matthew Woll wrote to President Truman, Secretary of Treasury John W. Snyder and the chair-

men of House and Senate tax writing committees to tell them the AFL opposes any further tax on consumers through a federal sales or manufacturers excise tax.

Mr. Woll said there are numerous other ways to raise revenue than to impose further taxes on the already overburdened low-income taxpayer.

Electrician Heads Attend Prison Meet

Business Manager Karl Ozols and D. K. Martindale, of Electrical Workers Union 243, were to attend Monday's meeting of the Soledad Prison Trade Advisory Board in Salinas.

The meeting was called in an effort to work out a program for the rehabilitation of prisoners at the state's medium security prison at Soledad. Such details as what work the men can do without infringing on union claims were to be discussed.

S.C. ORGANIZERS MEET THURSDAY

Santa Cruz County AFL Organizing Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday night at Watsonville Labor Temple. Secretary Marie O'Dell reports: Important reports on progress of the campaign are due. Garold L. Miller, secretary-business agent, of Retail Clerks Union 839, is committee president; Mildred Rowe, secretary of Santa Cruz County Culinary-Bartenders 345, is treasurer; Joseph St. Angelo, noted organizer for several San Francisco area crafts in past years, has been called in by the committee as special organizer for the drive.

In Union Circles

Monterey Peninsula Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Committee re-elected officers for 1951, including Einar Hansen, chairman, and James A. Taylor, secretary. The January meeting was visited by Assemblyman James W. Silliman.

Mrs. Rosalind Wells, office secretary for General Teamsters Union 890 at Monterey, was confined to her home with an illness last week. "Commuting" from the Salinas office of the union to handle work of the Monterey office on successive days were Bernice Redlin and Mildred Atnip.

Retail Clerks Union 839 at Salinas is joining the statewide boycott launched against the Grayson Stores. Leaflets are being distributed before the Salinas unit of Grayson Stores to explain to the public the anti-union policy of the company in dealings with a Los Angeles union.

Casey Jones, delegate to the Salinas Labor Council from Laborers Union 272, was reported in a hospital last week with internal injuries incurred in an accident. Details were not announced.

Bartenders Union 545 of Salinas accepted one new member by initiation at last week's meeting. Secretary Al Clark reports. The new member is James J. Kallis, bartender at the Cominos Hotel.

Most Banks Escape Excess Profits Tax Due to Loophole

In its Jan. 8 issue, the League Reporter told how the new excess profits tax allows corporations to make at least 8 per cent in profits before paying any profits tax.

They can do that by taking advantage of the "invested capital" loophole. The "invested capital" gimmick permits a 12 per cent return on capital up to \$5 million before taxes; 10 per cent on capital between \$5 million and \$10 million; and 8 per cent on capital of more than \$10 million.

That very day, Gen. Counsel D. J. Needham of the American Bankers Assn. said very few banks of the U. S. will have to pay any excess profits. And those few will not pay much.

The Bankers Assn. should elect Senators Taft, Byrd, Millikin and George honorary vice presidents of its group. They were the members of the Senate Finance Committee who saw to it that banks and Big Business were handled with kid gloves in the profits tax law.—(LLPE).

Plasterers Seek Area Work Pact

Officials of Plasterers and Cement Mason Locals 337 of Monterey and 763 of Salinas met in Salinas last week with International Representative Jack Smith in an effort to work out an agreement whereby members may work in each union's jurisdiction without necessity of first getting a clearance.

Attending the meeting were Secretary Joe Mondragon and Bus. Agent S. M. Thomas, of the Monterey local; Business Agent B. G. Burgner, Larry Anderson, Carl Smith, Fred Random and Ray Jones, of Salinas local.

Burgner said he was authorized to prepare a working agreement and submit it to Local 337 for ratification or amendment at an early meeting.

Nine major operating committees have been appointed to carry out the emergency medical service program of the Contra Costa Disaster Council.

Menlo Park Civil Defense Council, to speed general recruitment, has nominated district wardens.

WATER, POWER PROBLEMS EXPLAINED AT S.J. MEET; CVP CONTINUATION URGED

Representatives of labor, farmers, veterans, civic groups, water conservation bodies and municipalities met together in San Jose last week for the first meeting of 1951 of the Santa Clara County Water and Power Users Assn., in which labor is vitally interested.

Guest speaker was A. N. Murray, regional planning engineer for the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, who told of the Central Valley Project, portions completed, authorized or under consideration. He pointed out that 30 million acre feet of water now going into the ocean will be saved for farmers when the project is completed.

Murray told why the recent floods have been so disastrous, pointing out that where there are multiple purpose reservoirs functioning, there was no flood. He warned that purely flood control low-level dams will not solve the growing problems of water and power shortages in the state. How the revenue sale of public power is reducing otherwise prohibitive costs of water was explained.

Water users were informed that transporting water from the Delta-Mendota Canal to Santa Clara and San Benito counties has created a problem. Altamont and Pacheco passes may be used but in either case water must be impounded and winter runoffs held for summer irrigation use. The San Luis Reservoir, near Los Banos, a project not yet authorized by Congress, and other reservoirs on this side of the mountains may be necessary.

Donald Sevens, Association chairman, spoke briefly and warned against the dangers of allowing recent heavy rainfall to cloud the water shortage situation. This rain, Sevens said, is of immediate help to water users but there is no storage for all excess water and the water shortage is not being alleviated.

Joe C. Lewis, state chairman of the California Farm Research and Legislative Committee, reported on Congressional hearings in Sacramento where the Bureau of Reclamation policies were under fire of corporate farms and private power enterprises. He also gave a first-hand report on recent floods and of the plight of hundreds of farmers who lost from \$10,000 to \$15,000 each in the floods, due to inability of Army Engineers' dams to hold the raging waters.

Following the speaking program a short business meeting was held with following actions:

1. Endorsement of the second stage of the Bureau of Reclamation plan for the CVP and authorization for the secretary to so inform state and national legislators, the Department of Interior and President Truman.

2. Support of the portion of the Hoover Committee report on government reorganization in regard merger of functions of the Corps of Army Engineers and the Bureau

of Reclamation under Department of Interior policies and safeguards. Until this is done, it was agreed, there is no guarantee for basin-wide integrated conservation of water and power resources since corporate interests use the existence of the Army Engineers to separate individual projects from any plan as a whole which would remove land monopolies and speculation features in generation and distribution of power.

3. Support of State Senate Bill 61 (Powers), which would prevent private power interests from disrupting rural electric co-operatives by taking from them their best paying customers. This bill is supported by granges and many labor groups.

Alden Campen was chosen as treasurer of the Association to replace LeRoy Pette, former secretary of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council who had resigned his Association duties.

Vice president of the Association is Vernon L. Smith, assistant business representative of the Santa Clara Valley District Council of Carpenters.

Mobilizer Wilson Says Price-Wage Controls Needed

Philadelphia.—Defense Mobilization Administrator Charles E. Wilson told the Poor Richard Club here that mandatory controls on prices, wages and rents are necessary.

"Voluntary methods will not work," Wilson said, confirming the United Labor Policy Committee's position that U. S. stabilization to date was one big flop. He said:

"The power of law must be invoked. It must be used for allocation of materials, for prices, rents and wages—for whatever controls are necessary to prevent inflation, to promote production for defense, and provide a fair distribution of commodities among all our citizens. Whatever the causes for delay up to now, we must proceed with courage, speed and forthrightness to adopt the control which will insure stability and fairness in our civilian economy."

Wilson disclosed that the rate of defense purchase "has been sharply stepped up since the first of the year" and that "we are trying to use idle facilities and manpower available, such as government ordnance workers, before making demands on non-defense facilities which are presently producing for civilian demands."



COAL MINERS GET RAISE—A voluntary 20-cent hourly pay boost was granted 370,000 soft coal miners starting Feb. 1, in a contract between United Mine Workers and the bituminous operators. NMW President John L. Lewis immediately started negotiations for a similar raise in the hard coal fields. Miners at the Hitchman Coal Company in Benwood, W. Va., greet the news jubilantly. (LPA).

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Ease Job Rules is Truman's Pledge

Washington.—President Truman pledged that the government's manpower mobilization policy "will be based primarily upon voluntary measures."

He said controls will be used "when and to the extent needed to assure successful execution of the mobilization program."

Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, who has been consulting with AFL and other labor leaders on this vital issue, and Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson joined in approving Mr. Truman's statement on manpower mobilization.

This policy will be carried out through such measures as:

(1) Providing appropriate employment information to guide workers to jobs in which they can

make their maximum contribution;

(2) Developing recruitment and rehabilitation activities needed to expand the labor force;

(3) Training persons to meet civilian manpower requirements and providing appropriate placement services;

(4) Providing assistance to employers in promoting maximum utilization of the labor force, including women, physically handicapped, older workers and minority groups;

(5) Providing adequate housing and community services; and

(6) Assisting workers to arrange for their transfer to essential jobs in other areas.

Governmental manpower controls will be used when and to the extent needed to assure successful execution of the mobilization program. Such controls will apply to employers, to workers, or to both. They will include:

(1) Restricting indiscriminate labor turnover through control of separations;

(2) Giving effect to manpower allocations by placing employment ceilings on employers with respect to the total number of workers, the number of men or the number in particular skills;

(3) Controlling of employer hiring, and

(4) Enforcing adherence to utilization standards, including full use of women, handicapped workers and minority groups.

All manpower programs will be geared to the needs and problems of specific geographical areas.

Building Trades Name Keenan To Rivers' Job

Miami.—Joseph Keenan, director of Labor's League for Political Education, was elected secretary-treasurer of the AFL Building Trades Department at its mid-winter executive council meeting.



JOSEPH KEENAN

Mr. Keenan, former international representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and secretary of the Chicago Federation of Labor, succeeds the late Herbert Rivers, who died last Dec. 6.

Mr. Rivers held the position since 1937.

Wage stabilization, housing legislation and the impact of federal controls on construction were among the many issues taken up by the department's council.

No Overtime

In Washington, D. C., labor lobbyists almost blew their tops on Dec. 28 when they recalled how union-hating Senator McKellar (D., Tenn.) fought every effort in the last Congress to increase the overtime pay of men and women working under U. S. Government contracts. On Dec. 28 McKellar became—for the day—president pro tem of the U. S. Senate. At noon McKellar called the Senate to order, and exactly nine seconds later banged the gavel and ruled a recess until the following week. The nine seconds were the shortest Senate session in U. S. history.

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Employers Duck Butcher Talks

Monterey Peninsula Meat Dealers Assn., through its representative, Robert W. Norton, cancelled a scheduled meeting with Butchers Union 506 last week, informing Earl A. Moorhead, union secretary, that "difficulties cannot be resolved."

The meeting had been called for the purpose of trying to work out a settlement to contract disputes in the Monterey area, where Local 506 still is picketing the Seaside Market. Local 506 has won legal battles thus far and has been pressing its attempt to negotiate a settlement of points at issue.

Moorhead said he was planning to ask the Association to a meeting on Friday (Jan. 26) in an effort to find out why "difficulties" could not be ironed out.

Aid Housing

Washington.—Republican Rep. Jacob K. Javits, New York, introduced new legislation which would enable veterans to obtain more than one home loan within the prevailing loan guaranty limits of the GI bill.

Under the Housing Act of 1950 the law enables a veteran to obtain a home loan guaranty up to 60 per cent of the amount borrowed up to a maximum amount of \$7500.

Under the Javits bill the veteran can again exercise his benefits under the GI bill for a new home loan of the difference between the amount previously guaranteed and \$7500 without being limited to the single loan already made.

"Did you see the stork that brought me, Daddy?"
"Well, son, I saw his bill."

Monterey Union Directory

BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Cecil L. Bradford, 896 Bellomy Av., Santa Clara; phone AXminster 3-3625. Office, San Jose Labor Temple, phone CYPRESS 3-7537.

BARBERS 998—Meets 3rd Wednesday at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., L. E. Taylor, 610 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove; Sec., A. H. Thompson, 391 Prescott St., Monterey, phone 5-4745.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Bob Harrington; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Geo. L. Rice, P. O. Box 354, Carmel, phone 7-4149. Office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6734.

BRICK MASONS 18—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Pres., F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville; Fin. Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, phone 5-6743; Rec. Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 5-3715; Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove; Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-3002. Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6744. Office hours, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Culinary Hall, at 8 p.m. Pres., Eddie Capon, 709 Eardley Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6810; Exec. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Earl A. Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone CYPRESS 3-0253; Rec. Sec., R. R. Robinson, 66 Via Chular, Mont. 5-8436. Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYPRESS 5-3849.

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CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Secretary and Legislative Representative, 402 Flood Bldg., 870 Market St., San Francisco 2, phone SUTTER 1-2838. District Vice-Pres., Thomas A. Small, Office at 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo, phone DIAMOND 4-7803.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St. Pres., W. E. Booker, Res. 485 Spruce, Pacific Grove, phone 22975. Fin. Sec., R. A. Dalton, Res. 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 24314. Bus. Rep., Thomas Eide, office at Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St. Office phone, 5-6726; home phone, 2-3022.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Harvey Baldwin, ph. Salinas 9293; V. Pres., Geo. Colby, ph. Santa Cruz 6095; Sec.-Treas., Leo Thilgen, ph. Monterey 5-6726; office, 462A Main St., Watsonville, ph. 4-9403.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (Monterey Peninsula)—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 7:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Pres., E. J. Winters, 381 Central Ave., phone 2-4035; Sec.-Treas., Andy Butrica, Res. 452 Hammon St., phone Monterey 5-4055.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at Monterey Moose Hall, 8:00 p.m. Pres., D. B. Crow, 243 Pacific St., phone 3336; Fin. Sec., Andy Lazer; Bus. Agt., Leroy Hastey, phone 4-4832.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Parajo, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec. Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYPRESS 2-6393. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNDERHILL 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Joseph Perry, 1 Lilac Road, phone 5-4276. Sec., Roy Humbricht, 122 18th St., Pacific Grove,

phone 2-5164. Bus. Agt., Les Caveny, Box 215, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters: 320 Hoffman Ave., phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Sec. and Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 2-3713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

LABORERS 680—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m. Pres., Fred Vreedenburg, Bx. 344, Seaside, ph. 5-5065. Secy. and Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142, phone 2-0215. Office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 512, Watsonville, ph. 4-6262; Sec. and B. A., Ronald Hodges, Wilson, Salinas, ph. 22906.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall. Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley, Pacific Grove, phone 5-6599; Sec., Doris Lohr, 404 Park Ave., Pacific Grove.

MUSICIANS 618—Meets 1st Sunday of each quarter, 2 p.m., Bartenders Hall. Pres., Don Snell, 161 Lighthouse; Bus. Agt., Lin Murray, 296 Alvarado St.; Sec., Don B. Forster, 140 Forest Ave., phone 5-6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Fred Ask, 230 Montecito Ave., phone 5-5864. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., J. L. Bolin, Box 892, Monterey, phone Monterey 2-5740. Office phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 315 Alvarado St. Pres., S. Bruno, 150 John St.; Sec., Jose D. Mondragon, 272 Paine St., phone 5-6670; Bus. Rep., S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142. Office, 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at Hawthorne & Prescott, at 8 p.m. Pres., Russell Sweetman, Res. 707 Fillmore, phone Monterey 2-5111. Sec. & Bus. Agent, W. J. Zimmerman, Box 1521, Carmel, phone 7-3345. Office phone 5-6744.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets last Thursday of month, Rm. 6 P.O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G.; phone 2-5213; Sec., Dick Miller, 781 Prescott, phone 5-6292; Bus. Agent, Art Hamil, 1034 Hellam, phone 2-0420. (Mail address, Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey, Calif.)

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, ph. 5-3019; Rec. Sec., John Murphy, 618 Elm, Seaside ph. 5-5679.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Castroville and Watsonville. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets on call. Pres., Don Thompson, 416 Park, Salinas; V. Pres., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson, Monterey; Sec., Fred Clayson, 70 Robley Rd., Salinas, ph. 3045.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Shedo Russo, 457 Clay St., Monterey, ph. 2-4472; Rec. Sec., A. H. Finley, ph. Salinas 2-2261; Fin. Sec., H. E. Packard, Bx. 584, Watsonville, ph. 4-5610; Bus. Agt., Ray A. Beck, 513 McKenzie St., Watsonville, ph. 4-8127.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray Burditt, Sec. Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St.; Bus. Agt., Glenn Wilkerson, Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-0124.

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WATERPROOF SMILES—Rain didn't dampen the spirits of these clerks on strike against the Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania. About 1300 of them, members of an unaffiliated union called the Accounting Organization of Pennsylvania Telephone Employees, walked out in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Jan. 5, seeking a \$3 to \$5 wage boost. Many members of the CIO Communications Workers have honored their picket lines. The scene here is in front of the Bell phone exchange in Philadelphia. (LPA)



NEW AFL VICE-PRESIDENT—James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians, was named to fill the only vacancy on the AFL Executive Council. He succeeds the late Joseph N. Webber, Musicians' president-emeritus, who died last year. Petrillo (left) is shown with AFL President William Green. (LPA)



"HOW'S YOUR HEART?" asks Noreen Coyne of Harry A. Mitchell, March of Dimes leader. Noreen is one of the 209 victims of polio given care in San Francisco by the March of Dimes during 1950. Union members are urged to support this fund drive to the greatest extent possible and also to demand national health insurance so that such vital matters as stamping out dread disease do not have to depend on the uncertainties of annual begging campaigns.

Money Gets Votes: Cost \$2 Million To Elect Taft

(LLPE Release)
American political life has entered a new era.

The amount of money which can be spent to elect a United States Senator apparently is unlimited.

In the past, the Senate has refused to seat Senators-elect because of the excessive costs of their campaigns. Not many years ago, Senators barred Newberry of Michigan, Frank Smith of Illinois, and Vare of Pennsylvania from the Senate because of heavy expenditures in their electioneering.

None of the three spent more than \$300,000.

But this year, Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) took his seat without being questioned although groups in Ohio alone spent more than \$2 million to re-elect him.

This does not include expenditures of organizations outside of Ohio, such as the Republican National Committee, the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, and the National Federation of Republican Women's Clubs.

Contrast that with the \$556,000 that Labor's League for Political Education spent in all 48 states. All trade union organizations in the nation spent only \$1.3 million.

Foster Supports Pay Increases In ECA Countries

Paris, France. — Western Europe's free trade unions are right in insisting that the fruits of increased productivity must be shared more fairly with workers, ECA Administrator William C. Foster has told the highest planning agency in the Marshall Plan recovery program.

Appearing recently before the Council of Ministers of the Organization for European Cooperation (OEEC), which plans the use of Marshall Plan funds, Mr. Foster reviewed the current economic situation in western Europe, and specifically mentioned the problems of free workers.

"Fairer division of the fruits of productivity" is an important problem facing western Europe, Mr. Foster said. "The free trade unions can rightly insist that workers should receive the just rewards of productive work. Only by improving the lot of peoples throughout the world can democracy win, on a lasting progressive basis, its war against totalitarianism."

Sample Sworn In

Miami. — Chester Sample, president Molders and Foundry Workers Union, was inducted as a vice president of the AFL Metal Trades Department at the midwinter executive council meeting.

Mr. Sample was elected at the annual convention in Houston last September.

The department's council discussed wage stabilization and its part in the government's big new shipbuilding and repair program as part of the national defense build-up.

Cost Scares Taft As Much as Russ

Does Senator Taft put dollars ahead of lives?

He said recently that in 10 years the "tremendous cost of maintaining a standing army of 3 or 4 million men" might hurt the U. S. "almost as much as a Russian victory."

Evidently Taft does not realize that what America has—materially, morally and politically—is worth anything it may cost.

When it comes to building our nation's defenses until they are strong enough to turn back any Russian attack, expense is a minor issue, Senator.—(LLPE)

Big Biz Takes Full Charge of Defense; Labor is Frozen Out

Washington—Big business brass has taken complete charge of the United States defense mobilization effort.

Except for a handful of "consultant" posts, labor has been frozen out of the mobilization picture. Labor spokesmen in the setup are outnumbered 100 to 1.

Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Producers Association and 4-term president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, was appointed Economic Stabilization Administrator to succeed Dr. Alan Valentine, former University of Rochester resident, who couldn't make up his mind on whether or when to impose controls on the runaway cost of living and defense supplies.

Mr. Johnston works directly under Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson, who quit as president of General Electric Co. to take his present job. In World War II, these positions were held by trusted members of President Roosevelt's official family, James F. Byrnes as the war mobilization director, and Fred M. Vinson as economic stabilizer.

In line with the policy of no labor representation, Mr. Truman named a 5-man commission to study the nation's long-range materials supply needs. He appointed William S. Paley, chairman of the board Columbia Broadcasting System; George Rufus Brown, Houston businessman; Arthur H. Bunker, New York banker; Edward S. Mason, Harvard professor, and Eric Hodgins, Connecticut author and editor.

Gals, to Keep Off The Streets, Must Get \$2,000, It Says

The Industrial Welfare Commission of California has reported to Paul Scharrenberg, Director of Industrial Relations, that the average cost in the State of California a minimum budget for a single working woman was \$2003.98 in the fall of 1950.

Of this amount \$1071.68 was for food and housing, \$180.76 for clothing, \$31.16 for clothing upkeep, \$104.67 for medical care, \$37.16 for personal care, \$94.79 for carfare and transportation, \$105.79 for vacation and recreation, \$66.45 for miscellaneous items, and \$52 for insurance and emergencies. Taxes withheld amounted to \$259.52.

The Industrial Welfare Budget formulated by the Commission was designed to measure the annual cost of a minimum standard adequate to supply a proper living which is not prejudicial to the health, morals, or welfare of women workers in California as provided by State law.

The woman for whom the budget was priced is single without dependents, lives in a boarding house, and is entirely self-supporting. The allowances in the budget were designed to permit the woman to maintain her health and provide for her welfare at minimum cost.

Items in the budget were priced by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research in the Los Angeles and San Francisco-Oakland areas and in the cities of San Diego and Fresno.

A detailed report will be published containing complete information on the budget and methods of compilation.

Members of the California Industrial Welfare Commission are Mae Stoneman, Los Angeles, chairman; Mae Carvell, Los Angeles; LeRoy E. Goodbody, San Diego; Eleanor C. Hewlett, Oakland; and Daniel E. Koshland, San Francisco.

Absent-minded judge, to dentist: "Do you swear to pull the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth?"

Tobin Sees Jobs For Four Million More in a Year

Washington—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin continued the fight to maintain federal wage-hour labor standards in an appearance before the preparedness subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

An undercover, little-publicized attack on the 75c minimum wage and hour law, the Walsh-Healey and Bacon-Davis acts is being carried on viciously by big business interests and reactionary Democrats and Republicans in Congress and the state capitals.

These forces are attempting to scuttle these laws by having them repealed or suspended for the emergency. Secretary Tobin has issued several statements and made speeches that there is no necessity for relaxing these minimum standards in the present emergency.

He told the Senate subcommittee under questioning that the maximum workweek for defense production should not exceed 48 hours, with time and one-half after 40 hours worked, and he saw no need for imposing a 48-hour week "for a long time."

Secretary Tobin also told the preparedness subcommittee that on the basis of President Truman's announced goals, we can expect up to four million additional civilian workers to be placed in defense production during the fiscal year beginning July 1.

In his statement, Tobin said he considered it unlikely that "it would be efficient or desirable to increase the average for all manufacturing employees much above the World War II peak levels." He pointed out that while 48 hours was the maximum then, the average week was 45½ hours.

"I believe you will get diminishing returns in production if you go above that," he said. He then emphasized that "48 hours is not an immediate problem and is not likely to occur in the immediate future. . . . It will be a long time before we have to go to 48 hours."

The additional four million defense workers would be made up largely, Tobin indicated, from the unemployed, who total about 2.2 million, from normal additions to the work force, and by attracting non-defense workers. He told the Senate group that "under conditions similar to those existing at the peak of World War II, and with the present population structure, we would probably raise the total labor force, including armed services labor, by some five million more men and women."

In this connection, he said that the Federal Security Administration would send to Congress a proposal to provide for large-scale child care centers and other community facilities that would release many thousands of additional women for employment.

Undertakers Want To Kill Health Bill

North Dakota undertakers are trying to bury the President's health plan.

The Funeral Directors Association of that state has adopted a resolution opposing national health insurance.